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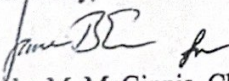
Delegate Marc Korman, Chair
House Environment and Transportation Committee
251 Taylor House Office Building
6 Bladen Street
Annapolis, MD 21401

Re: House Bill 1264

Dear Delegate Korman:

I am writing on behalf of the Baltimore County Soil Conservation District in support of the legislative changes being proposed in House Bill 1264. A significant amount of the work performed by the Baltimore County engineering community takes place within the Gwynns Falls, Jones Falls, and Herring Run Watersheds. The leadership and staff of the Baltimore County Soil Conservation District, in cooperation with the Baltimore County Department of Environmental Protection and Sustainability, are certainly well-qualified, experienced, and able to handle the responsibilities of reviewing and permitting small ponds in these watersheds, just as we presently do in the other watersheds in our county. We are convinced that having all small pond reviews and permitting conducted locally will provide substantial benefits and efficiencies to our county and we appreciate your support for the proposed changes.

Sincerely,


John M. McGinnis, Chairman
BCSCD Board of Supervisors

cc: Delegate Nick Allen